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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 531 By McMillan

A RESOLUTION To recognize Natalie Baggett Walker and celebrate the five-year anniversary of her dance studio, Natalie's Dance Network.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly recognize the achievements and accomplishments of those Tennesseans who are dedicated to sharing their talents and abilities with others; and

WHEREAS, Natalie Baggett Walker is one such fine individual, the owner and operator of Natalie's Dance Network, a dance studio, in Clarksville, that has reached its fifth anniversary; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, while she was still in college at Austin Peay State University (APSU), Ms. Walker opened her dance studio; and

WHEREAS, She began her business by travelling from day care center to day care center to teach the students and held her first recital, entitled "Together Forever," on May 16th and 17th of 1997; and

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WHEREAS, While continuing to run her business, Ms. Walker graduated from APSU in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the past five years, as word of her sterling reputation and considerable skills spread, Ms. Walker increased her number of enrolled students from 22 to 140 and moved into her own studio with her own equipment; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to her community and its children, Ms. Walker has greatly enhanced the lives of the young people who attend her classes; and

WHEREAS, The students of Natalie's Dance Network now have numerous competition dance teams and participate in regional dance competitions and have won a significant number of performance awards; and

WHEREAS, It is the pleasure of this Legislative Body to commend Ms. Walker for her success with Natalie's Dance Network and to congratulate her in reaching the fifth anniversary of her studio; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we join in celebration with Natalie Baggett Walker on the fifth anniversary of her dance studio and honor her for the hard work and dedication she has expended in achieving her goals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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